



# Mayfield



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# Mr Draper

## Headmaster's Foreword



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the first Mayfield Magazine of the year, marking many of the highlights of the first half term. To address the elephant in the room, the first two weeks of term were tinged with sadness, as we heard of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, followed by Mrs Wainwright, recently retired Head of Pre-Nursery. Prior to this at the end of the summer holidays, we also heard that a former Mayfield Headmistress, Mrs Lapworth, had also passed away. Mrs Lapworth was Headmistress at Mayfield from 1979 – 1991. I am sure she is fondly remembered by many of our Old Mayfieldians and staff. The thoughts and sympathies of everyone at Mayfield are with friends and families.

Of course, life moves on and the Autumn Term is always a busy time at Mayfield, such that the half term seems to have flown by, and an awful lot has been packed into a short space of time! Here are some brief highlights by nature of an introduction to the greater details and colourful photographs to follow in this magazine.

Our Lower III pupils have had a busy time. The term had barely started and they were thrust into an intensive 4 weeks of Birmingham, King Edward's, Wolverhampton and Queen Mary's grammar schools exams, followed by King Edward's and King Edward's High independent schools exams. The results have started coming in and they are looking very positive. Lower III are a lovely, fabulous year group and we will help them all find the secondary school destination of their choice.

There have been four trips: Upper II visited the Bewdley Evacuees' museum and had a wonderful day; Form II had a great time Stratford, letting their inner thespians out at an excellent drama workshop; Lower III visited the police museum in Birmingham, having a taste of independent travel by catching the train there and back – good training for getting to senior school

next year; and Lower II thoroughly enjoyed an educational visit to Cadbury World, where they learnt a great deal and brought back a huge amount of chocolate!

Last Wednesday, parents were invited into our Nursery to enjoy a super Harvest Festival, and were served home-made soup lovingly prepared by the children and staff – yum, yum! Then last Friday, over 200 parents gathered in the Hall of the Olympians to enjoy the Main School Harvest Festival. What an incredible occasion! The children did us proud, singing their hearts out and showing off their fine elocution in poetry recitals. The children are a credit to the school and to their families. Thanks to staff, particularly Mr and Mrs Gerighty, for preparing and conducting such a marvellous celebration. Thanks go to Reverend Joe from St Matthew's Church for being our guest speaker and reminding us about the virtue of sharing with others. Thank you to everybody for your generous donations towards the Walsall Food Banks. I am delighted that we have been able to contribute to such a worthy cause and help out those less fortunate than ourselves.

Yesterday, Mayfield hosted our first Mathematics Challenge, inviting 8 local schools in a celebration of one of my huge passions, Maths! The event was a massive success and nobody left empty-handed. The teachers from other schools were very complimentary about our children, staff and facilities. Many thanks to our Head of Maths, Mrs Marston, as well as Mrs Cook and Mrs Dhesi for organising and running a hugely enjoyable competition.

The half term is now drawing to a close and building to a crescendo that is the PTA Hallowe'en Disco! I am dazzled by the amazing artwork that has gone into the pumpkins that we have proudly displayed in the courtyard this week. The parents and teachers from the PTA have worked really hard to organise this fitting climax to the end of the half term and I am looking forward to seeing the children and staff dressed up in spooky Hallowe'en costumes!

Finally, have a well-deserved half-term break, everybody. Enjoy some much-needed family time and come back refreshed and reinvigorated on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Remember that the children need to come back in winter uniform.

Best wishes,

Mr M. Draper  
Headmaster

### Addendum

I am required to inform you that the following are available on the school website [www.mayfieldprep.co.uk](http://www.mayfieldprep.co.uk) and on request at school free of charge should you wish to see them:

School address and telephone number; name of the Headmaster; name of the Chair of Governors and his correspondence address and telephone number (care of the school); school's ethos, aims and vision; the school's academic and examination results from the previous year; a list of staff and a summary of their qualifications; and the school's policies on and arrangements for: admissions; discipline, sanctions and exclusions; special educational needs; English as an additional language; RSE; curriculum; Early Years Foundation Stage (containing EYFS curriculum for Pre Nursery, Nursery and Kindergarten); behaviour; anti-bullying; health and safety; first aid, including a list of staff qualified in first aid and paediatric first aid; complaints, including the number of formal complaints made during the previous year; safeguarding, including procedures for handling allegations of abuse against members of staff, staff code of conduct and staff recruitment procedures; non-collection of pupils; missing pupil; and the most recent inspection report.







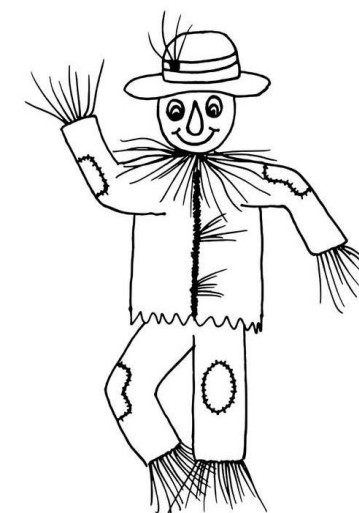
# Mini Mayfield

## Nursery Staff



Nursery children and their parents have been getting creative during our Clay Workshop sessions. Everyone has enjoyed working with the clay using their hands, tools and decorative items. We have seen a wide range of beautiful designs such as hearts, leaves, dinosaurs and hedgehogs, to name but a few. Nursery staff are not sure who enjoyed it the most, the children or their parents! Thank you for attending. x

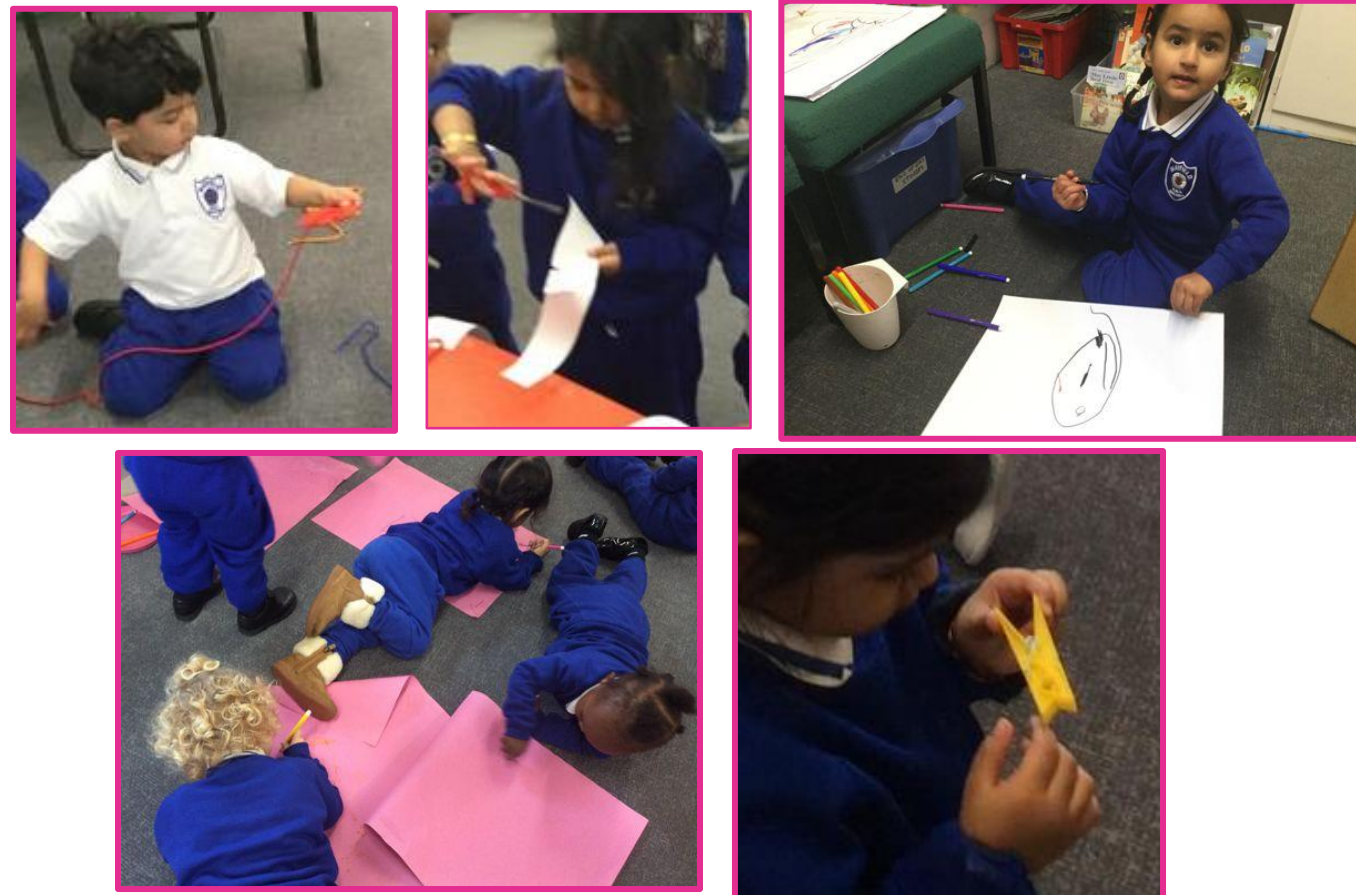
On Wednesday 12th October we invited parents to attend our Nursery Harvest Festival. The children loved performing 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and 'The Wheels on the Tractor' for their parents. They showed some of the Autumn crafts they had made. Then everyone enjoyed having some vegetable soup together. Thank you for the Harvest donations for the food bank.





# Pre-Nursery

Pre-Nursery Staff



Kinetic Letters in Pre-Nursery.

Pre-Nursery children have been strengthening their fingers and developing dexterity during their Kinetic Letters sessions. Fine Motor exercises such as Threading, snipping paper with scissors, pinching pegs and using tweezers to exercise their pincer grip, is helping their little fingers prepare for mark making and eventually letter formation.

# Kindergarten

Mrs Smith

We have had an exciting start to the school year and Kindergarten have settled in very well. We are getting used to new routines and walking around school. Our first topic 'All about me' has let us discover some exciting things about ourselves.

We are enjoying getting to know each other and all of the lovely grown ups that work in our class.

The children have really embraced our outdoor provision and have had lots of fun!

We have made self- portraits, talked about our family and people we live with. We even did some food tasting to discover tastes that we liked including, sweet, sour, bitter and salty.







Transition have made an excellent start to the year and have been very busy learning about where our food comes from. We found out about the journey of milk starting with Molly, a Friesian cow, all the way to our fridge! We explored some of the reasons why Devon makes an ideal place for a dairy farm and then got hands on to make a collage picture of Molly. We then moved to looking at the nation's top ten favourite fruits and even got to sample them all! We came up with lots of adjectives to describe each fruit and chose our own personal favourite.

*Thank You, Ma'am – for everything.* We have also been spending time fondly remembering Queen Elizabeth II. We watched the clip of Queen Elizabeth taking afternoon tea with Paddington for her Jubilee and created our own collage picture of Paddington. We coloured some flowers and wrote our own message in memory of the Queen.



# Transition

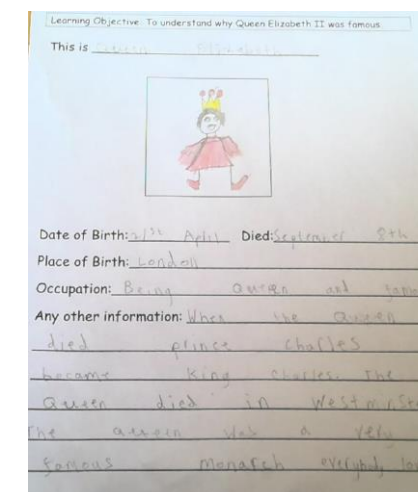
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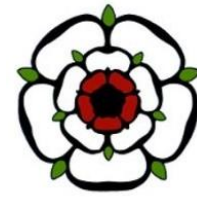
# Form I

Mrs Draper

Form I, like the whole country, were saddened by the news of the passing away of Queen Elizabeth II. We reflected on some of her amazing achievements such as becoming our country's longest reigning monarch. And the celebrations we enjoyed marking her Platinum Jubilee, in the summer term, commemorating her 70 year's reign. Each of us recorded our memories of the Queen on a Fact File which highlighted why Queen Elizabeth was so famous. We all drew a portrait of her to complete our work. As a class, we decided we wanted to show our appreciation and love for the Queen and send a condolence card to other members of the Royal Family expressing our sadness. Each one of us coloured and cut out a small flower which attached to a large card in the shape of the wreath. Then we all signed the card with our neatest handwriting. Finally, we posted the card to our new King, Charles III, at Buckingham Palace. Moving forward we sang our new National Anthem, 'God Save the King!'







# Form II

Mrs Guest

At the start of the school academic year, Form II were transported back to Tudor times to the world of William Shakespeare for a Drama and English workshop at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford upon Avon. Form II's first class text was A Midsummer Night's Dream where the children have encountered a world of midsummer madness, magic and fun! The day started off with a bang, with the children imagining they were lost in an enchanted forest based around the play. It appears that majority of Form II are budding thespians and relished the challenge working in teams to give detailed instructions to overcome several obstacles along the way. For the second activity, the children had to get into the role of Puck to design a set of mischievous tasks against their teachers! For the final task of the day, the children were challenged to write a speech based upon Oberon and Titania's argument about how they were damaging the forest. Everyone in Form II produced amazing work, using adventurous and inspiring vocabulary. A credit to Mayfield!



This term, Lower II have been on a trip to Cadbury World as part of their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory topic. An educational talk on designing chocolate bars ignited their imaginations and will be used when designing their own bars for Wonka's factory and then writing their own instructions next term. They had a tour of the factory and learnt about the history of Cadbury. The most exciting part was drawing, using a bottle of chocolate onto a marble surface, then they used a palette and scraper to work the chocolate onto the surface. Lower II also sampled some chocolate with two ingredients of their choosing and were given some free bars to take home! Yummy! Finally, they rode through bean world and experience the 4D cinema ride. What an exciting day!



# Lower II

Mrs Crosby







On Wednesday 14th September, Upper II were evacuated to Bewdley. Our day started with a trip to Kidderminster on a steam train, built in the 1940s. We travelled through tunnels and past an airfield, imagining how children must have felt during 'Operation Pied Piper'.

Once we arrived at the museum in Bewdley, we learned all about what life was like during the war; rationing, black out curtains and the air raid sirens. We were able to go inside an Anderson Shelter and tried to imagine how it would feel to be inside all night, with the sound of bombs going off outside.

Frankie dressed as an ARP warden; she had to shout to warn people to 'Turn that light off!'. We also practised picking up unexploded bombs, to see how quickly we could get them into a bucket of sand.

Our final task was 'rag rugging'; using old pieces of fabric to create warm, colourful rugs for around the home.







# Lower III - Roles and Responsibilities

Mrs Andrews



**HEAD GIRL** Mia   **HEAD BOY** Aaron

**HEAD LIBRARIAN** Saanvi, Deesha

**DEPUTY HEAD GIRL** Sienna   **DEPUTY HEAD BOY** Sarjan

**LIBRARIANS :**

1. Esther

2. Pavit

3. Ria

4. Sana

**HOUSE CAPTAINS :**

**LIVINGSTONE** Anushka, Sana

**NIGHTINGALE** Aila, Aayush

**SCOTT** Mustafa, Alexander

**SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADS:** Karam, Aditi

**GAMES CAPTAINS :**

**LIVINGSTONE** Armaan, Summer

**NIGHTINGALE** Jai, Anjali

**SCOTT** Sukhmani, Jovan

**ECO CHAMPIONS:** Pavit, Ria

**ICT AMBASSADORS:** Rajan, Joban, Aryan

Congratulations to all in Lower III, these roles and responsibilities were voted for by the school community.  
We know that you will all do an outstanding job carrying out your role and responsibility.







# Autumn Reads

**Deesha & Saanvi – Head Librarians**

How many different celebration can you think of? Below are two reviews of two excellent books!

An excellent KS1 book is, 'The Room on The Broom' by Julia Donaldson. It is a very nice picture book. A witch is flying on her broom in the night and starts to make new friends. I would recommend it to read around Halloween because it has a lot of Halloween related characters in it.

A fantastic KS2 read is, 'The Robe of Skulls' written by Vivian French. A small, young girl Gracie Gilpot has decided to run away from her evil stepsister and her stepmother. On her journey, she makes new companions including a wise, old bat called Marlo!

Deesha Agarwal, Head Librarian.

Back to KS1 books. A book I strongly recommend is, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' which has an enticing adventure which you can enjoy. It is a story for you to enjoy and feel as though you are actually on the hunt yourselves.

DID YOU KNOW? The book is actually rhyming.

A really good KS2 book is called, 'Dial a Ghost' by an award-winning author, 'Eva Ibbotson.' She has written a number of fascinating books which some of them are about Halloween tales. 'Dial a Ghost' is a recommendation to all of you who love magic and mayhem. It is a book which is about vampires, skeletons and ghosts. I really enjoyed this book- and so will you!

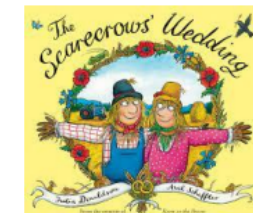
Saanvi Kaul, Head Librarian.



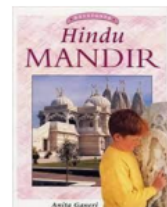
## BOOKS TO READ

We celebrate lots of different things in the autumn season. Most of these celebrations are interpreted in books:

Harvest is a festival when we celebrate all that we have. We also gather all the agriculture and food ready for the winter.



In the school library you can find KS1 books about harvest and what we do in Harvest. Such as, Tough Trucks, Soil, the Scarecrows Wedding, and We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

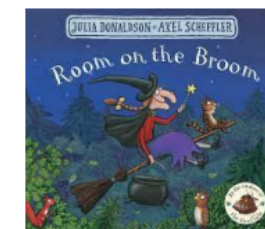


Diwali is a religious commemoration celebrated by Hindus. The exact dates change each year and are determined by the position of the moon, but it usually falls between October and November. During Diwali, we light lamps and fireworks.

Want to know more about Diwali? Check out this book on the left, 'Hindu Mandir'.



Halloween is a celebration that everyone enjoys. Every year, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, we dress up in scary costumes, go round trick or treating, and eat sweets. What a lot of fun! To read books related to Halloween, read novels such as Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson, The Witches by Roald Dahl, the Mystery of the Midnight Ghost and the Mystery of the Vanishing Skeleton by Helen Moss, and Dial a Ghost by Eva Ibbotson.



As you can see, there are lots of books in the library about different topics and celebrations in autumn. I hope that you enjoy reading some books that I have recommended.  
**ENJOY!!!**

By Deesha Agarwal, Head Librarian.

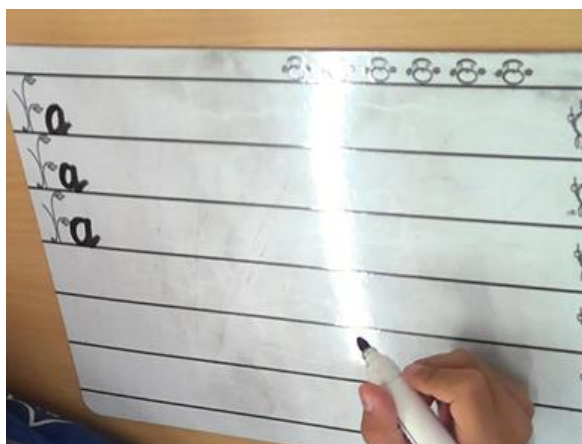
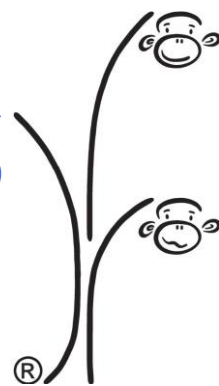






# Kinetic Letters

Mrs Inkster




Since September, you may have heard your child uttering phrases like, 'brave monkey, scared monkey' 'three by the tree', slope, slide, push' or telling you they have been sitting as a meerkat or lined up like a penguin. These are just a few of the phrases associated with the Kinetic Letters Handwriting scheme we have introduced across the school.

Kinetic Letters Handwriting allows children to learn letter formation through movement in a unique whole body approach to handwriting. It consists of four key elements: strong bodies, correct letter formation, correct pencil hold and flow and fluency.

Bounce, Skip and Turtle have arrived in classrooms across the school with their cheeky stories to help us remember these strands.

Making bodies stronger	Learning the letters	Holding the pencil	Flow and fluency
Physical strengthening of the body	Dynamic movements for learning letter shapes	Optimal pencil hold for speed and legibility	Speed and stamina developed
Motor and spatial preparation	Sensory experiences for memory and recall	Diagnostic photos for addressing issues	Economy of movement and use of rhythm for speed
			Joining letters in a 12 week programme

There are a few key aspects of Kinetic Letters to be aware of: letters are formed with a distinctive flick on the end, preparing the children for when they join letters in the later years. We learn letters by moving to make our bodies look like letters, saying the language as we make the letters and finally writing the letter using the language. We teach the children exercises to strengthen core muscles to help with their writing.

The children become familiar with Bounce the brave monkey and Skip the scared monkey who both help them recognise where to start to form each letter. The tree's branches  show the correct height for each letter. This makes sure letters are the correct size in relation to each other as well as reminding the children to ground each of their letters on the line.

We are aiming for 'automaticity' in our writers. This is when letter formation, orientation and placement of letters becomes automatic and frees up space in the working memory.

If you would like to find out more information on Kinetic Letters Handwriting and how we are teaching it in school there is a parent workshop for parents of pupils in Kindergarten to Lower III in the main school hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 2:45 pm till 3:30 pm. Booking is essential so please look out for booking invitation which will be sent out via email.







# Your adventures

Congratulations to Aila who has successfully auditioned for Birmingham Schools Strings Sinfonia. She will rehearse every Saturday and take part in a number of concerts throughout the year, performing at Ruddock Hall, Elgar Hall and culminating in a performance at the Symphony Hall Birmingham in July. Some of the performance highlights include "The Nutcracker Suite" and "Harry's Wondrous World" from the Harry Potter films.



Congratulations Sukhmani for your recent article in Motorsport UK

Following the FIA's new environmental management accreditation that Rali Ceredigion have been awarded, and I am delighted to confirm that Motorsport UK itself has just been awarded a Three-Star accreditation by the FIA for its environmental sustainability work. With the newspapers full of stories around the energy crisis, there is no doubt we are living in a watershed moment in our relationship with how we power the world, and although motorsport is one small corner of this world, is our absolute commitment to ensure that we are aligned with the world order as things evolve through these difficult times

At Wilton Mill on Saturday I was excited to see the emerging talent from the youngsters competing in Club100's new for 2022 arrive-and-drive series for Cades and Juniors. I am personally delighted that the inclusion of Club100 in the Motorsport UK Family is reaping rewards by providing an affordable pathway for young divers to show their skills, all in identical Rotax-Birel karts in events run to Motorsport UK standards. With the top 20 rivers covered by less than a second, it shows the merits of standardised equipment and the total focus on the driver's skills. With several British Karting Championship competitors using it to rack up more track time, they set a benchmark of talent as well as an endorsement of the credibility of Club100 and the Rotax Birel package. With that in mind was delighted to see the winner of the 'A' final for the Cadet class was a 10 year old girl by the name of Sukhmani, who you will no doubt be hearing more from in the future.

As many people return after their summer breaks, September is traditionally one of our strongest months for motorsport. The good news is that event permits remain healthy and the feedback from organisers is that entry lists and grid sizes continue to be strong. We thank our community for their continued commitment to the sport, and we are deeply grateful to everybody who plays a part in allowing everyone to enjoy the excitement of the stages, circuits, and mixed venues across the UK. Wishing everyone a safe and successful month in motorsport.



Sukhmani Khera won the Cadet Class 'A' final at Wilton Mill



Kind regards Hugh Chambers CEC Motorsport UK







## Mayfield Preparatory School

Thank you so much for your Harvest collection of food and toiletries for families and individuals in your local community. We will use all you have donated to make emergency food parcels for people in crisis.

You have donated 195kgs of food, an incredible amount, enough to help provide 400 meals. This is absolutely wonderful and we are so thankful that you have supported us in this amazing way.

THANK YOU!!



17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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## Key Dates

- 31<sup>st</sup> October Start of half term
- 2nd November Book Fair/Art Exhibition
- 4<sup>th</sup> November KG-LIII Nasal Flu
- 16<sup>th</sup> November Individual and Form photos
- 22/23 November Parents' Evenings
- 29<sup>th</sup> November TR-LIII trip to Lichfield Garrick Panto
- 15<sup>th</sup> December TR- LIII Carol Service
- 16<sup>th</sup> December (12:30pm) End of term
- 5<sup>th</sup> January Start of Spring term



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## Mayfield

Thank you for taking the time to read our magazine, we hope it has provided an enjoyable insight into the half term.

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